

MARICOPA COUNTY INFLUENZA SUMMARY UPDATE

Week ending February 26, 2005 (Week 8)

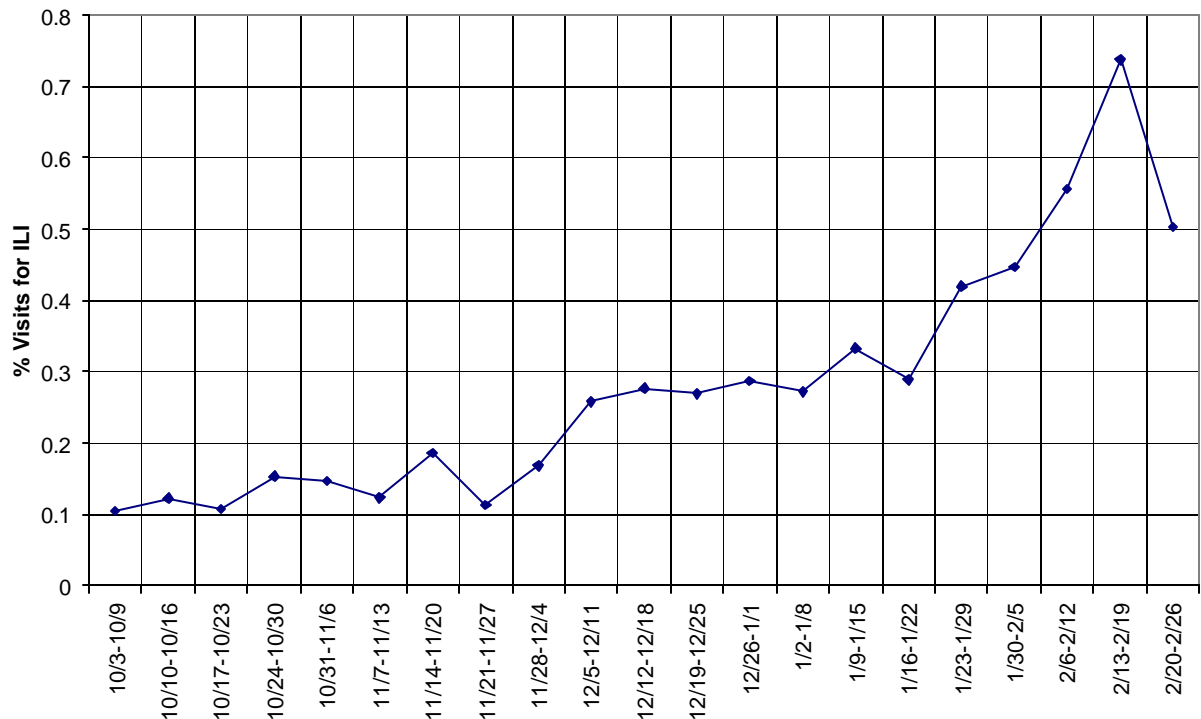
Synopsis: During week 8 (February 20 – February 26, 2005), forty-two laboratory-tested specimens were positive for influenza. The proportion of patient visits to Cigna Health Care Centers for influenza-like-illness (ILI) was 0.50%. The overall percentage of ER visits for ILI was 3.12%. The average daily percentage of students absent due to ILI was 1.25%, and the average daily percentage of students absent due to illness was 15.69%. Long-term care center surveillance indicated insignificant influenza activity*.

Laboratory Surveillance: During week 8, a total of forty-two specimens tested positive for influenza. These eighteen untyped influenza A viruses, five influenza A (subtype H3) viruses, twelve untyped influenza B viruses, and seven untyped influenza viruses were identified by direct fluorescent antibody, rapid testing, and viral culture by the Arizona State Laboratory, Caring for Families, Chandler Regional Hospital, John C. Lincoln Hospital - North Mountain, Mayo Clinic Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, and Sonora Quest Laboratory.

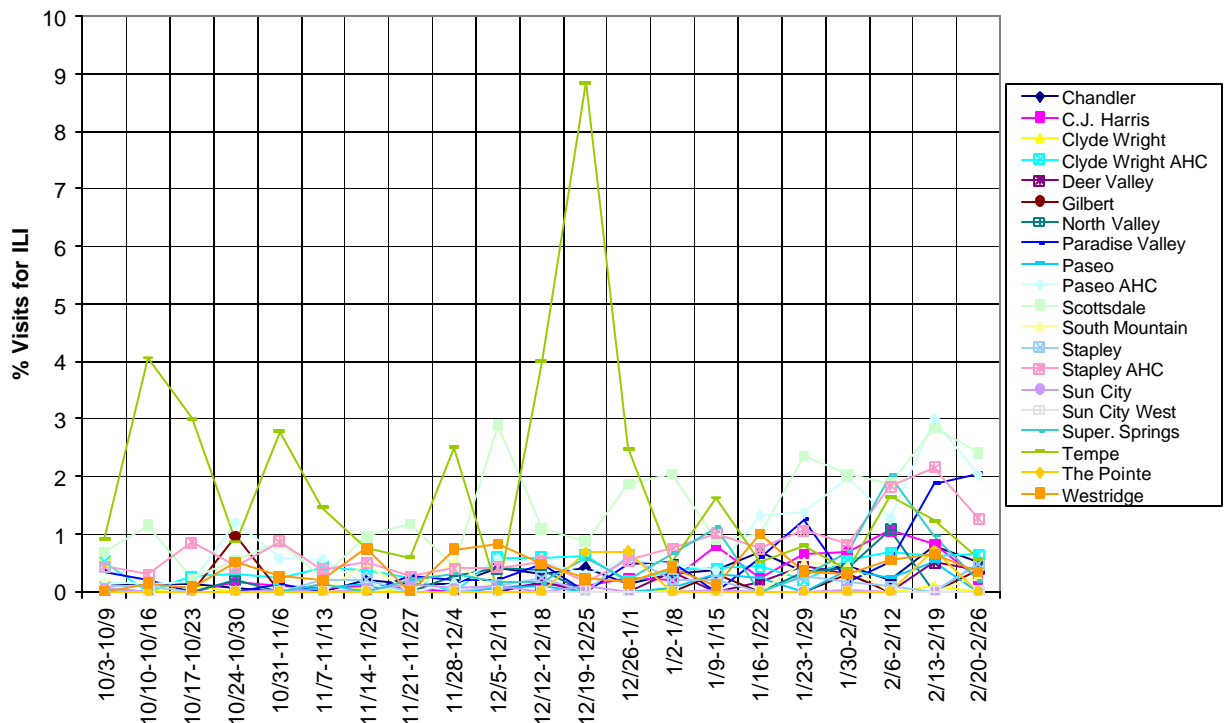
Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality Surveillance: During week 8, the vital statistics office of Maricopa County reported that of all deaths, the percentage due to pneumonia or influenza was 12.0% in the City of Phoenix, 5.1% in Maricopa County less the City of Phoenix, and 7.5% for all of Maricopa County.

Influenza-like Illness Surveillance: During week 8, 0.50% of patient visits to Cigna Health Care facilities were due to ILI. The overall percentage of ER visits for ILI was 3.12%. The average daily percentage of students absent due to ILI was 1.25%, and the average daily percentage of students absent due to illness was 15.69%. Due to wide variability between national and local-level data, it is not appropriate to apply any national baselines or thresholds to the information represented in this report.

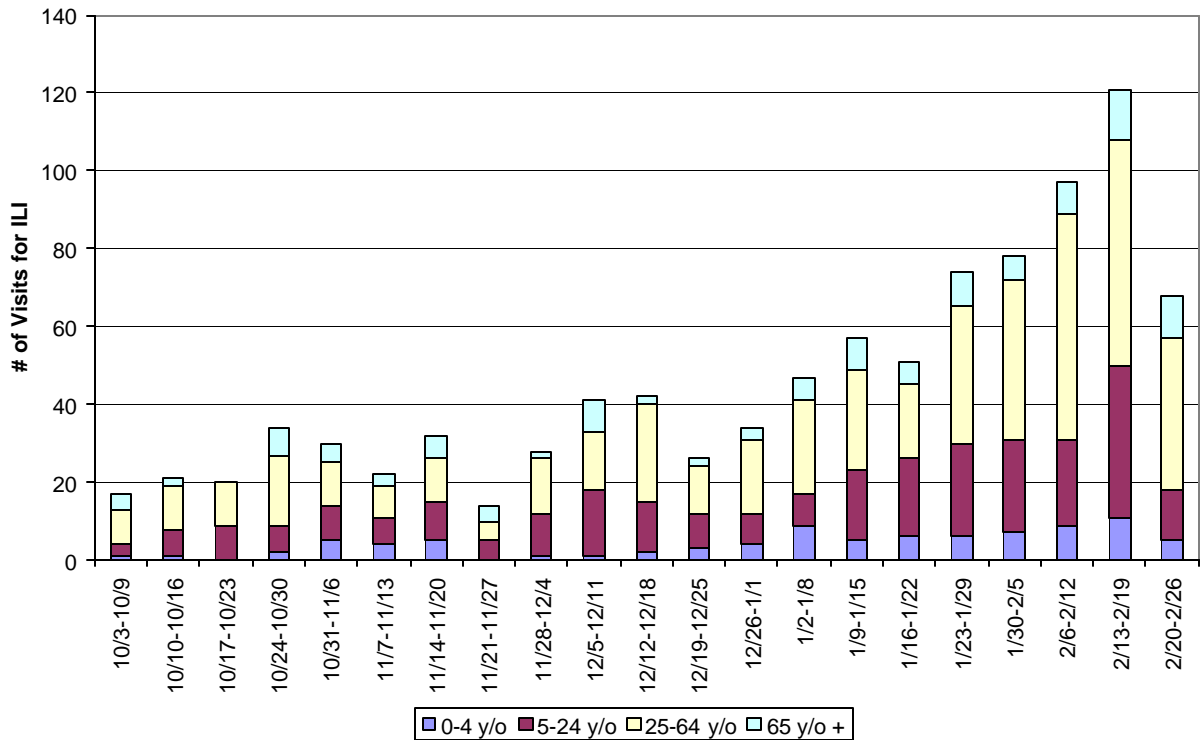
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Maricopa County 2004-05**



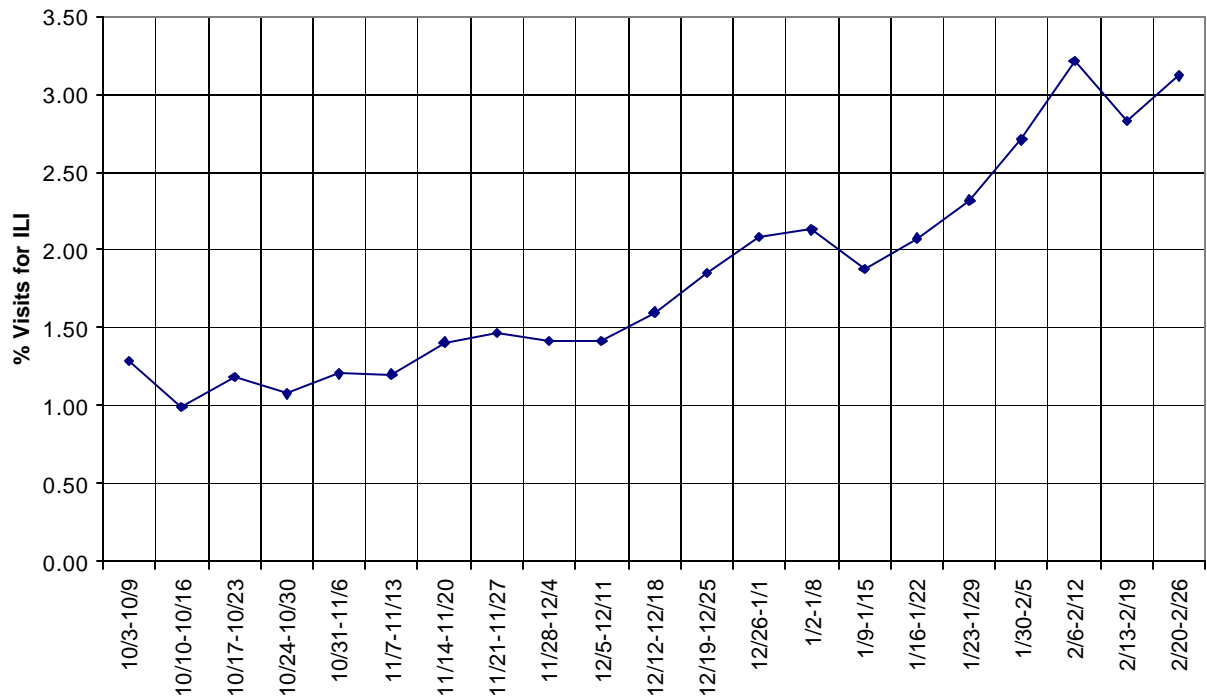
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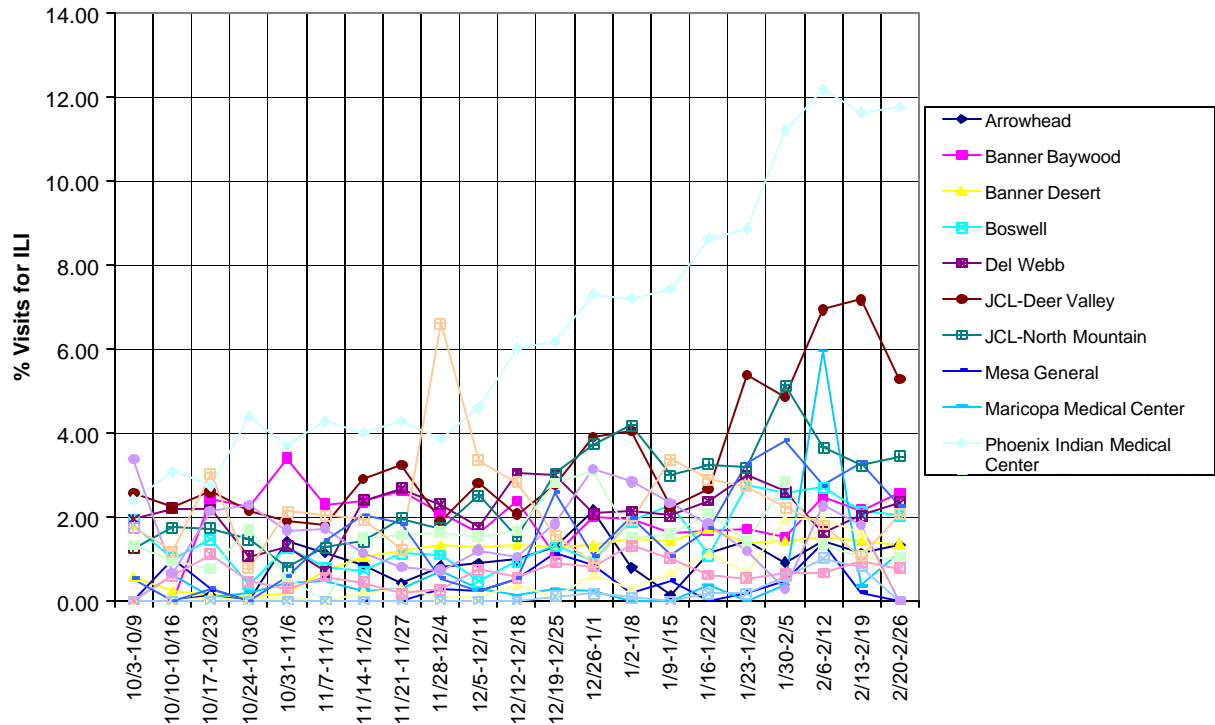
**Number of Visits to Cigna Facilities for Influenza-Like Illness,
Maricopa County 2004-05 (by age group)**



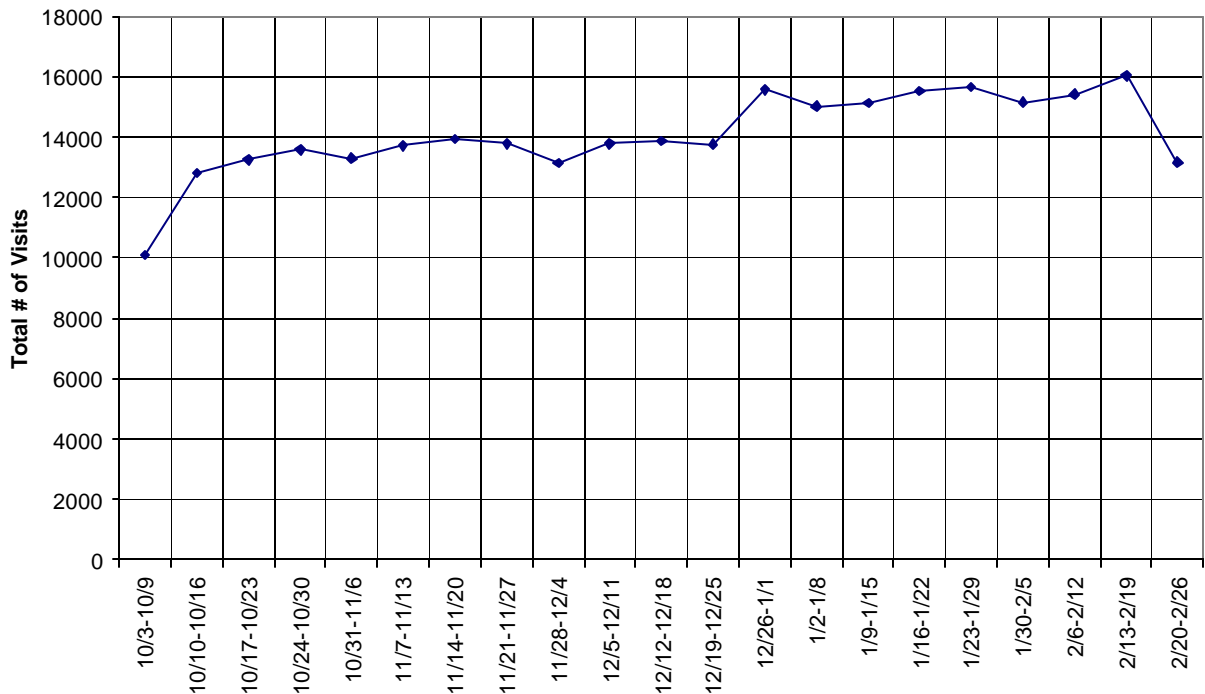
**Overall Percentage of Visits to ED for Influenza-like Illness,
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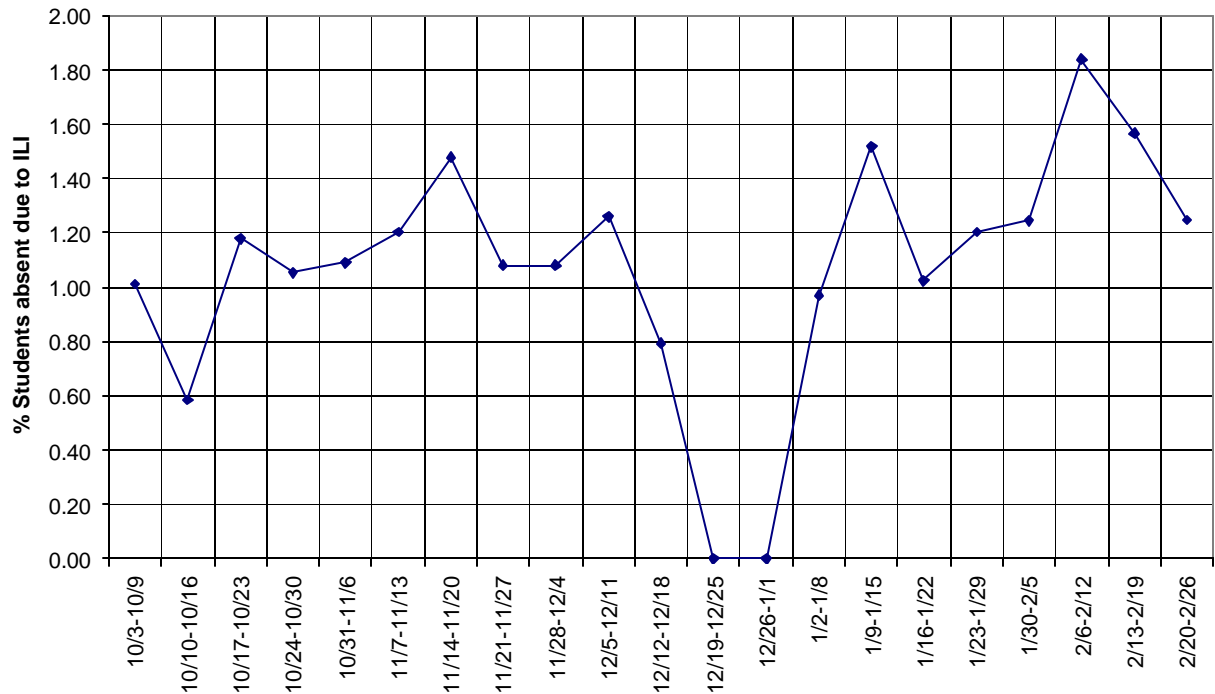
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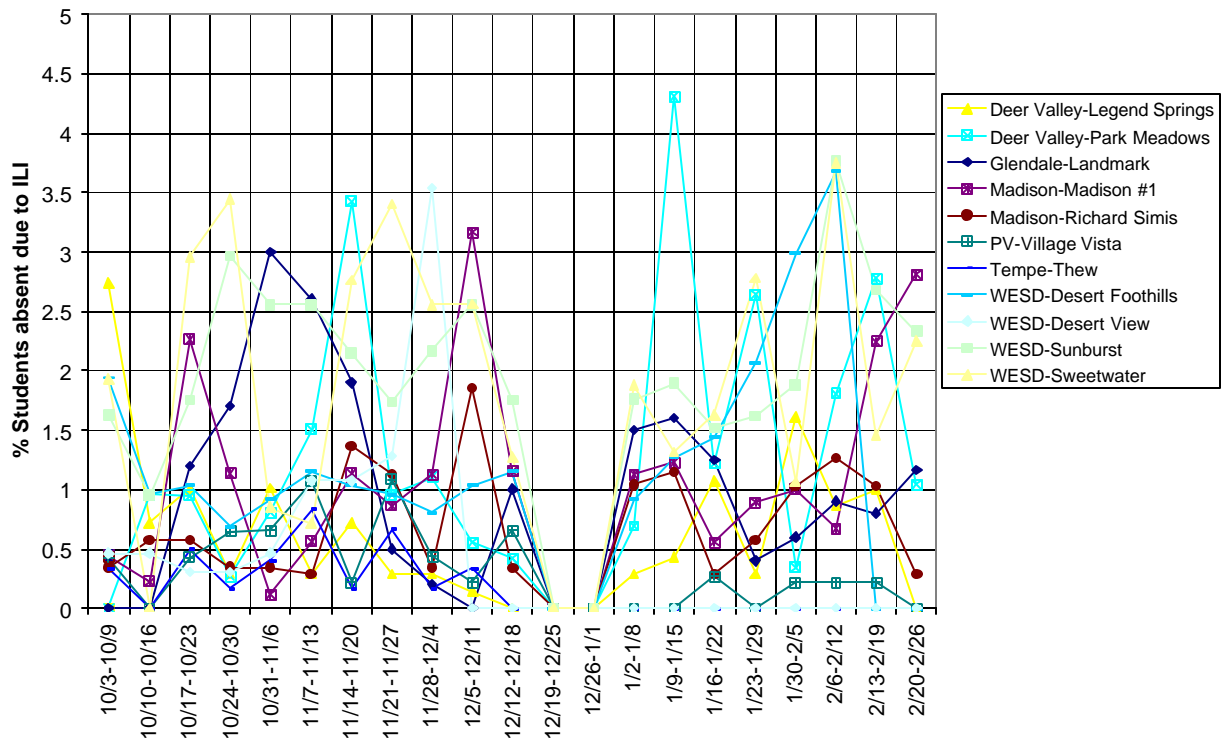
**Total Number of Visits to 17 Valley Emergency Departments,
Maricopa County Summary 2004-05**



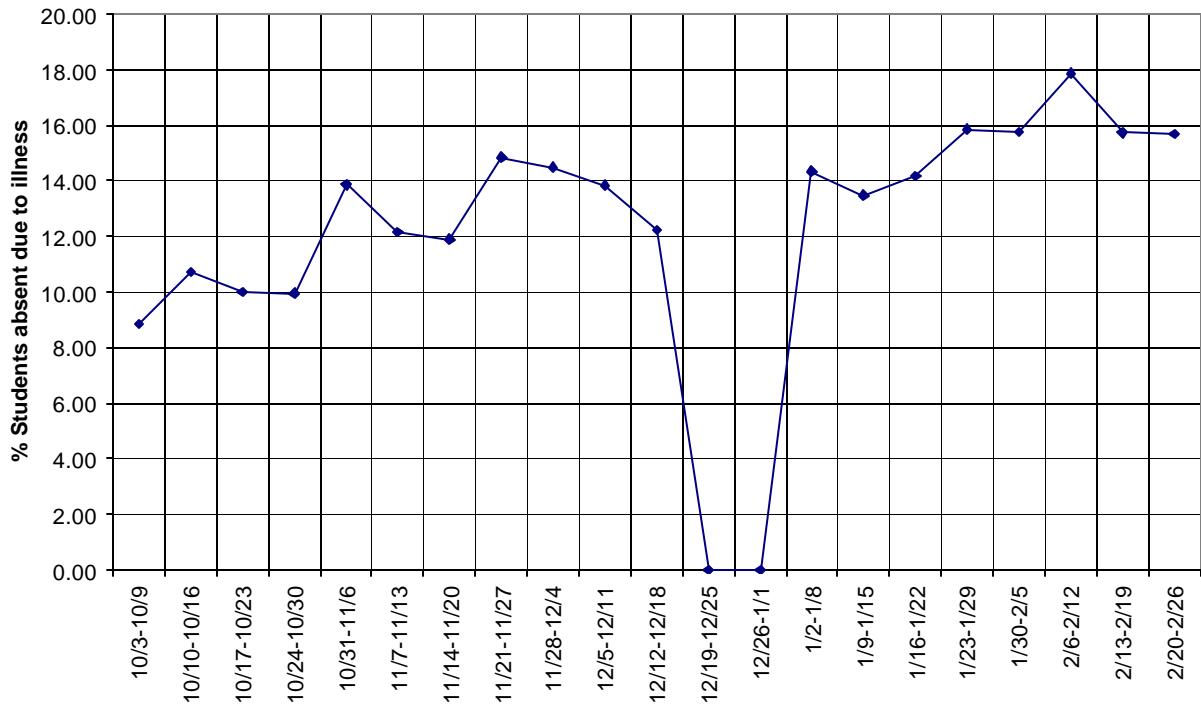
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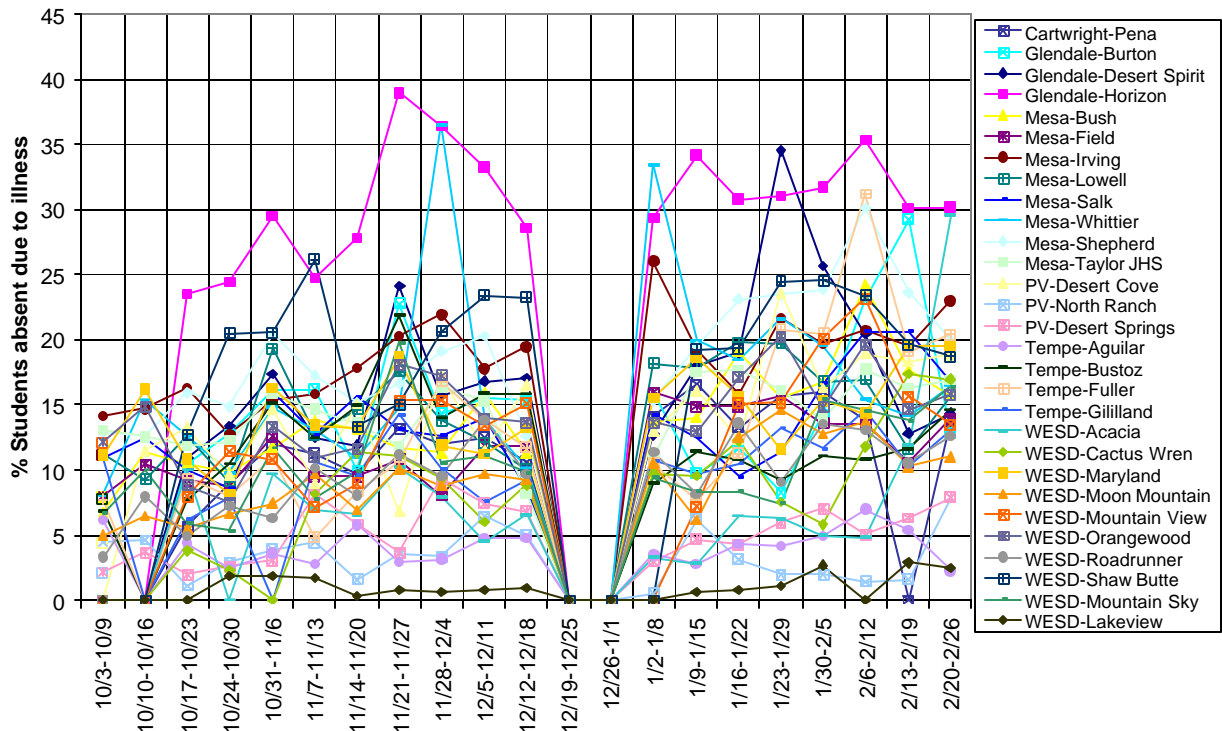
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**Average Daily Percentage of Students Absent due to Illness,
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Case definition for influenza-like illness (ILI):

Fever (at least 100 degrees F) AND cough and/or sore throat

Surveillance Sources:

Hospital Emergency Departments: Arrowhead Community Hospital & Medical Center, Banner Baywood Medical Center, Banner Desert Medical Center, Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital, John C. Lincoln Hospital-Deer Valley, John C. Lincoln Hospital-North Mountain, Mesa General Hospital, Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Phoenix Memorial Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare Shea, Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Walter Boswell Memorial Hospital

Cigna Health Care Centers: Chandler, CJ Harris, Clyde Wright, Clyde Wright AHC, Deer Valley, Gilbert, North Valley, Paradise Valley, Paseo, Paseo AHC, Scottsdale, South Mountain, Stapley, Stapley AHC, Sun City, Sun City West, Superstition Springs, Tempe, The Pointe, Westridge

Long-term Care Centers: Arbor Rose Assisted Living, Christian Care Nursing Center, Sun Health Care Center, Westminster Village

Schools: *Cartwright:* Pena; *Deer Valley:* Legend Springs, Park Meadows; *Glendale:* Burton, Desert Spirit, Horizon, Landmark; *Madison:* Madison #1, Richard Simis; *Mesa:* Bush, Field, Irving, Lowell, Salk, Shepherd, Taylor JHS, Whittier; *Paradise Valley:* Desert Cove, Desert Springs, North Ranch, Sonoran Sky, Village Vista; *Tempe:* Aguilar, Bustoz, Fuller, Gililand, Hudson, Thew; *Washington:* Acacia, Cactus Wren, Desert Foothills, Desert View, Lakeview, Maryland, Moon Mountain, Mountain Sky, Mountain View, Orangewood, Roadrunner, Shaw Butte, Sunburst, Sweetwater

* Influenza activity is defined as influenza-like illness and/or culture-confirmed influenza.

Cigna participates in CDC's Influenza Sentinel Surveillance program

Report can be found online at: http://www.maricopa.gov/public_health/epi/flu.asp

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